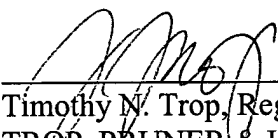


REMARKS

Applicant has elected Group II (claims 1, 4, and 7-10) and has canceled claims 2, 3, 5, 6, and 11-31.

Respectfully submitted,

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